Vehicles in Delhi

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vehicles in Delhi vis-a-vis in other metropolitan cities of the country at present; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to control the vehicular pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The details are as under:—

Name of the city	Number of registered Motor Vehicles
Delhi	20,55,696 (As on 30.11.92)
Bombay	6,46,627 (As on 31.3.92)
Madras	6,20,099 (As on 30.9.92)
Calcutta	5,78,139 (As on 31.3.92)

(b) Central Government has issued notifications prescribing the mass emission standards for petrol and diesel driven vehicles. These norms will be made stricter with effect from 1995 for which draft notification has already been issued. Central Government have advised the State Governments to take the following steps to contain vehicular emissions.

(i) to strengthen the infrastructure by procuring equipments and providing necessary staff members for enforcement;

(ii) to authorise private workshops and petrol pumps for checking and tuning of vehicles;

(iii) to launch a drive against vehicles of other States for checking pollution;

(iv) to undertake public awareness campaigns;

(v) to form inter-state committee comprising 3 or 4 contiguous States to coordinate checking activities;

(vi) to set up area committees in big cities consisting of workshops, police departments and others who can keep a watch over the vehicles in their areas;

(vii) to set up enforcement teams to check overloading at entry points;

(viii) to equip the State Transport Undertakings' workshops to check pollution levels of the vehicles; and

(ix) shifting of transport activities to locations outside the city limits.

Adoption of Eco-friendly technologies in textile industry

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SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assesment has been made about expenditure likely to be involved in modernisation and adoption of Eco-friendly technologies in textile industry, sector-wise; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the mills which have already adopted environmentally safe and pollution free technologies and also those which have still not adopted the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, Government is encouraging adoption of eco-friendly technologies in textile sector including R&D activities.